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SUBJECT LINE: State Wins \$65 Million for a Healthier Washington

Dear Feedback Network Member,

Washington won a \$65 million grant today to bolster health system transformation in the state.

Awarded by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), the federal grant supports the Healthier Washington project developed through a collaboration of state leaders, the Legislature, health care systems and community members. Healthier Washington's purpose is to achieve the "Triple Aim" for the state's population: better health, better care, and lower costs. Washington is one of 11 states to get the four-year grant, which begins in February 2015. The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) will serve as lead agency for the grant.

The Healthier Washington grant proposal aims to implement key elements of the state's [five-year Health Care Innovation Plan](#), which was the result of a [previous \\$1 million State Innovation Model grant](#) from CMMI. Developing the Innovation Plan started conversations among stakeholders around the state on how to improve the health of Washington residents. Participants included leaders from state and local government, public health, delivery systems, business, health plans, consumer groups, labor, tribal entities, providers and community organizations.

Governor Jay Inslee proposed legislation that passed with bipartisan support during the 2014 legislative session. The two bills, [House Bill 2572](#) and [Senate Bill 6312](#), embraced the Innovation Plan and took significant steps forward on price and quality transparency, value-based purchasing, integration of physical and behavioral health care services, and community engagement in health improvement.

A third-party analysis of the Healthier Washington project estimates statewide health care savings across all payers could reach \$1.05 billion during the four-year project, mainly through integration of physical and behavioral health.

More information

- See more details on the [Healthier Washington website](#)
- Watch the [Healthier Washington video overview](#)
- Read the [Healthier Washington Proposal](#)
- Read the [Innovation Plan](#)
- Read the [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation news release](#)

Thank you for your interest in a Healthier Washington and for helping make Washington a healthy place to live, work, and play!

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